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Japan

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Japan approves a flavoring, propanol 2004

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Report Highlights:

Japan has proposed to designate propanol as an authorized flavoring and has invited foreign Embassies to comment on the revision until September 23, 2004. This proposal will also be notified to the WTO.

Includes PSD Changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
Unscheduled Report
Tokyo [JA1]
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On September 2, 2004, the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare (MHLW) invited foreign Embassies in Tokyo to comment on designation propanol as an authorized food additive for flavoring purposes only. Foreign governments have until September 23, 2004 to comment.

MHLW will open the proposal for comments from a wider audience and notify the WTO SPS Committee before final review and adoption.

All interested parties are encouraged to send their comments to the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service well before the deadline. The office responsible for the comments is:

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The proposed standards and specifications of the flavoring are as follows:

Propanol

Standard for use

It must not be used for purposes other than flavoring.

Compositional specifications

C_3H_8O

Mol. Wt. 60.09

1-propanol [71-23-8]

Content Propanol contains not less than 99.0% of propanol (C_3H_8O).

Description Propanol occurs is a colorless, transparent liquid, having a characteristic odor.

Identification Determine the infrared absorption spectrum of propanol as directed in the Liquid Film Method under Infrared Spectrophotometry, and compare the spectrum with the Reference Standard. Both spectra exhibit a similar intensity of absorption at the same wave number.

Purity

(1) Refractive index n_D^{20} : 1.383–1.388

(2) Specific gravity 0.800–0.805 (25°C)

Assay Proceed as directed under Method 1 of Gas Chromatography in the Flavor Substance Tests, using operating conditions (2).